

Dear FCC,I am very unhappy about the proposed "broadcast flag" rules. I believe the premise is precisely backwards: i.e. I think information should be considered public unless proved demonstrably otherwise; not the other way around. The MPAA and recording industry et.al. should be free to define encryptions and restrictions to their heart's content but to foist their particular needs and priorities onto the entire digital-media industry is ludicrous. Digital media challenges are ENTIRELY of their own making: to wit: if they simply chose to continue distributing analog VHS tapes and analog signals, their content-protection status is unchanged from what it was 10 years ago. If they would like to participate and take advantage of digital media technologies -- technologies whose development have primarily been funded by publically financed research institutions (DARPA, universities, NASA, et.al). -- they are free to do so. But not to take it over. The very fact that that they plead for Orwellian government rules to enforce their preferences imply that they are fully aware of how overwhelmingly unpopular those preferences will be.

Please do not stifle the innovation, the competition, and the freedom that the POSSIBILITY of unfettered information flow has brought the world over the last few decades. I simply cannot take seriously the complaints of financial pain offered by MPAA et.al. A full third of low wage service&manufacturing industries&workers have paid staggering prices in job losses and retraining costs to accommodate the "information age". Is it really asking too much for the entertainment industry to invest&evolve in lieu of providing them a monopoly-stranglehold on the flow of information coming into my home?

Thank-you for consideration.